



The Pit Stop



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July Report

It's mid year so how about a report on how the club is doing? As Gary Heck always says, "we have money" and we are saving some for a new autocross trailer. We are putting away a small amount each month so we can eventually replace the trailer. Not that there is anything wrong with the trailer, it's just showing it's age and we could use something a little bigger for all the stuff we haul. Over the last few years we've put a lot of effort and some money in the trailer to keep it in shape. Gene Young, Tim Green, Julia Seeber-Grundhoefer, Mitch Seeber, Don Kelley, Tom Tipsword and Gary Heck, to name a few, have spent money and time making it functional and safe. In another 2 or 3 years we should be able to spring for a newer, larger trailer.

Our membership is growing but mostly in the Western Kentucky area. Richard Hall and his new group of enthusiasts have signed up 33 new members for our Western KY Chapter. Richard has organized some rallies and secured an autocross site and is working on plans for a Rally Cross and a Street Survival event. When asked if he's ready to go for region status Richard answered that he needs a few more dedicated members so he can feel comfortable about an event being held when he's not available. He's shooting for region status in 2011. All the western KY members should thank Richard for his hard work.

Membership in the home region is holding it's own around 80. We've seen some new faces in the last few months but have also lost some older faces. The Board is going to address that throughout the rest of the year. We'll be looking at ways to make our club more visible to the general public.

Our lack of presence in the Evansville area was never felt more than when I had to cancel the June 27th Street Survival school. Here's a public service that saves lives that we know we can provide and yet only 2 families signed up their Teen driver to participate! And it wasn't like we just waited for something to happen. We worked with St. Mary's Hospital to approach the parents of teen drivers. Club members publicized the program in company newsletters. Whirlpool, who graciously let us use their lot, tried to raise some students by putting some info in their daily newsletter. I even talked to an Allstate Insurance representative who called 5 Evansville area Allstate insurance agents trying to sell them on providing us with students and was flat turned down by everyone of them. At any rate we've got to up our public image if we expect any kind of participation growth. I'm open to any ideas anyone may have.

Since the last newsletter we've had few events. Mike Freeman put on a nice Rally on the last day of May. Four teams showed up to wind their way through the wilds northwest of Evansville. (at least I think that's where we were) Results are posted later in this newsletter and let me say that the Rally points have tightened up considerably.

Next up was the Southern Illinois/Southern Indiana Region autocross at Lawrenceville. It was a well attended event with 37 drivers taking to the course. It seemed like the Albin's made up most of the competitors but in reality there were only 4 or 5 of them 3 wheeling a VW GTI around the corners. There's another SILR/SINR scheduled for early August so keep an eye on the calendar.

As I mentioned earlier I had to cancel the Evansville Street Survival Event because of low entries. (2) Everything was in place except Teen drivers. We'll be trying to figure out how to hold one of these schools and get a reasonable turnout. Because we've had such poor turnouts we've decided not to go ahead with an Owensboro or Lawrenceville school later this year. There's just too much preparation only to have to give it up just days before the school.

Autocross points event #2 was just held on June 28th. The preceding week was terribly hot with high humidity and 90+ temperatures. Those factors and a chance of rain kept the turnout low at 21. Unfortunately for me I couldn't make the event. I had worked hard the previous Friday and Saturday to finish tuning and weighting my now turbo-charged 911. When I got up Sunday morning I was so weak I couldn't move. I spent the day in bed while the autocrossers had a glorious, but windy, day. Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis drove the fastest in their respective divisions. See the results later in this newsletter.

I'd like to take a minute to thank Gene Young for helping me tune my fuel injection on the 911. We drove it on his "test track" and he dutifully adjusted the fuel settings as I wrestled the beast down the roads. An autocross car doesn't track real well on crowned country roads so Gene was subjected to lots of side to side movement as I tried to hold the car straight while pushing on the brake and the gas to maintain the boost in the proper range for tuning. I saw him being slung from side to side as we skipped over the roads but heard nary a word of complaint as he pushed the right keys to get the mixture set. Thanks again, Gene.

One last thing, some SIR Club members were contacted at the last minute to put together a kart for the Junior Achievement Gran Prix held annually during the Evansville Freedom Festival. Members Paul Blaylock and Chris Moore got a call from event organizer Dr. Jim Butler just 8 days before the event asking if they wanted to participate. They were told they would need to get the kart, clean it up, get it running, get lots of new stuff and also get donations to cover the cost. For whatever reason, they said "yes". They recruited a crew chief (me) and some help and "hired" 2 drivers. By the time Saturday June 13th rolled around they had the "Privateer Team" kart running and test driven, printed up team shirts and even had donations to defray costs. They went to the event as a rookie team with absolutely no idea what to expect. Paul Blaylock and Chris Moore were the team Principals (and mechanics). Gene Young and Julia Grundhoefer-Seeber were the Drivers. Steve Miles was a Helper. I was the Crew Chief while Carrie Moore, Lora Blaylock and Miles Moore

were Team Cheerleaders. Gene and Julie qualified 7th fastest out of 15 karts. That put them second fastest in the second group of 5 karts.

For race 1 and 2 that meant they started 4th but it made no difference as both won their heats easily coming from the back. Races 3 and 4 were a bit tougher as they included a pit stop and a tire change. The 3rd heat was won easily and had a fantastic pit stop where Chris and Paul smoked everyone when changing the tire and Gene had an easy task of finishing the race, lapping all but one team. The 4th heat was the same as the third but started with the team with the best score up front and that was us, "Team Privateer". Unfortunately the first lap went amiss for Julia and she spun. She gathered it back up and got back to second just before the pit stop. The pit stop this time was not as good and when Gene got back out on the track he was a lap down. He quickly unlapped himself and just as quick the caution came out and he got the whole lap back. In the handful of laps left Gene got back up to second. That was the first race Team Privateer had lost. The main event, the "Race for the Flag", was lined up according to points accumulated in the races. We got a 1st, 1st, 1st and a 2nd for a total of 5 points. That gave us the pole, until they inverted the top 4. It was 25 laps with no pit stops. At the drop of the green Gene slotted into third. He sized up the kart in front of him and made a good move to get by into 2nd. He was getting ready to make his move on the leader when the kart behind him moved him out of the way and got by. In the few laps left Gene tried to get by but just ran out of time and finished 3rd. I couldn't believe that we finished 3rd in our very first start. The winning team had been trying for years to get the win and finally succeeded. At the trophy presentation Team Privateer almost picked up the Governor's Award which is handed out by the Organizing Chairman to the team he feels is most deserving of it. We were more than happy to see it go to a team of non-car guys from a local church. It was a very good day and Paul and Chris should be congratulated for all their hard work. And props to the drivers Julia and Gene for nary putting a wheel wrong all day despite the hot suits and mid 90's temperatures. Planning for next year began on the ride home.

That's it for this month. Check our on-line calendar at www.sirscca.org and look for events on www.motorsportreg.com and www.myautoevents.com
Racingly, Paul Dornburg *Regional Executive*



Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
JUNE				
6.27	Saturday	Street Survival Event	Paul with ...	Whirlpool, 5401 North US41, Evansville
6.28	Sunday	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Bob	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.00 JULY				
7.03-05	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
7.04	Saturday	Independence Day		
7.06	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
7.12	Sunday	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
7.16	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
7.18	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
7.18	Saturday	"Day At The Drags" Autocross et al	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.19	Sunday	"Day At The Drags" Drag Racing		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.26	Sunday	Brickyard 400		Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
8.00 AUGUST				
8.02	Sunday	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
8.09	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.13	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	Diamond Lake, Owensboro
8.15	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
8.23	Sunday	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.30	Sunday	"Sillyness Repeated" Pt Rally (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Wink Construction, Evansville
8.31	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
9.00 SEPTEMBER				
9.05	Saturday	Solo Nationals (Pro, Travel, Warm-up Day)	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.06	Sunday	Solo Nationals (Pro, Travel, Warm-up Day)	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.07 (Labor Day)	Monday	Solo Nationals - Off Day	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.08-11	Tue - Fri	Solo Nationals Competition	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.12	Saturday	Solo Nationals Travel Day		
9.13	Sunday	Grandparents' Day		
9.15	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
9.17	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
9.19	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
9.20	Sunday	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)		
9.22-24	Tue - Thu	National Championship Runoffs - Qualifying	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.25-27	Fri - Sun	National Championship Runoffs - Competition	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.27	Sunday	Free Weekend - sort of		
10.00 OCTOBER				
10.04	Sunday	"Sillyness Returns" Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Terry & Bob	Wink Construction, Evansville
10.05	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
10.11	Sunday	"Closing Bookend" Pt Autocross (7 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
10.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
10.17	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
10.18	Sunday	Free Weekend		
10.25	Sunday	"Ice Cream Rally II" Pt Rally (6 of 7)	Carolyn & Paul	Dairy Queen, Owensboro
10.31	Saturday	Halloween -- Night Fun Rally?		
11.00 NOVEMBER				
11.01	Sunday	Halloween rally OR Free Weekend		
11.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
11.07 or 08	Sat or Sun	Social Event ??		
11.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
11.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
11.15	Sunday	Free Weekend		
11.21	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
11.22	Sunday	Pt Rally (7 of 7)		
11.26-29	Thu - Sun	Thanksgiving Day Weekend		
12.00 DECEMBER				
12.04	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Paul/Gary/Mary	Rolling Hills County Club
12.07	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
12.19	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	

"Rally of the Three Counties"

Mike Freeman, Rallymaster

May 31, 2009

	Team	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Total	
1	Jane Bridges / Bob Sonntag	A	+39	0	-20	59	T
2	Carrie Moore / Chris Moore	A	0	+264	+290	554	
1	Jim Cannon / Darlene Cannon	B	+49	+115	+174	338	T
2	Paul Dornburg / Carolyn Dornburg	B	-317	+1800	+1800	3917	

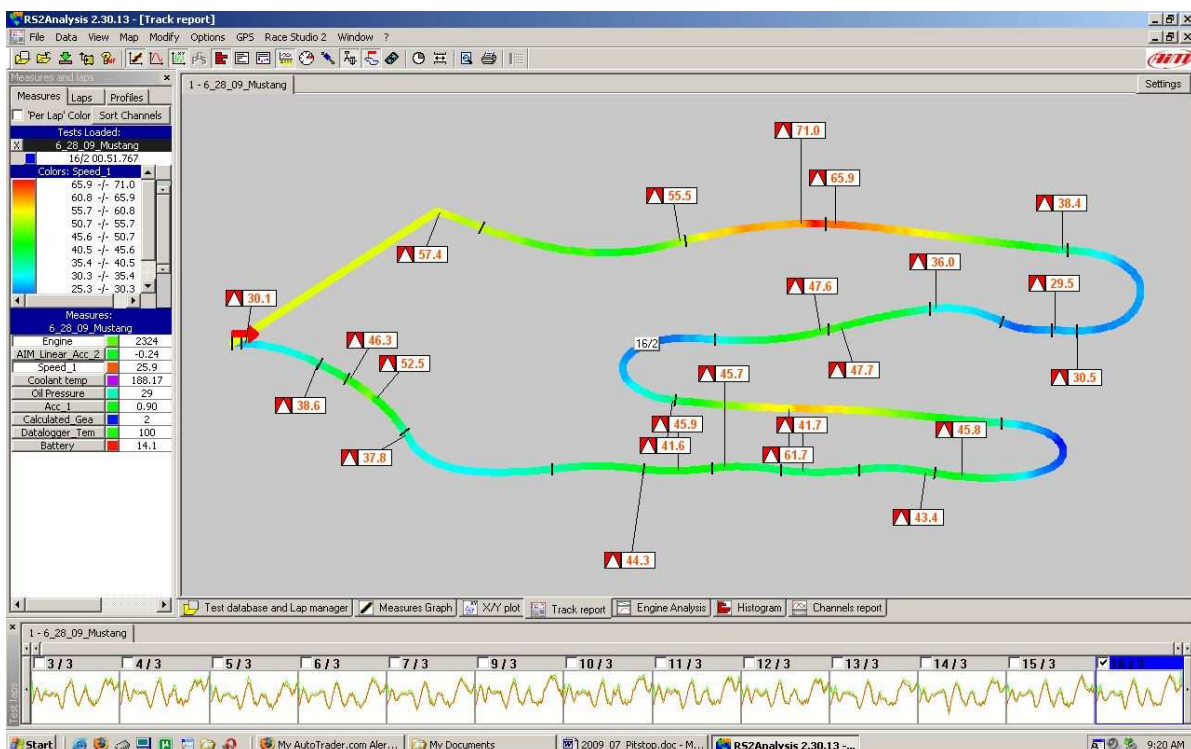
Early: - Late: +

Berry Points (as of June 20)	
Name	Points
Sonntag, Bob	30
Dornburg, Paul	29
Cannon, James	22
Davis, Terry	22
Moore, Chris	22
Young, Gene	20
Jochum, Ron	18
Dornburg, Carolyn	17
Freeman, Mke	15
Keating, Terry	15
Moore, Carrie	15
Christy, Allen	14
Christy, Cathy	13
Grundhoefer Seeber, Julia	12
Bailey, Darrin	10
Schonberger, Barry	9
Cannon, Darlene	8
Backer, Steve	7
Bridges, Jane	7
Heck, Gary	7
Beaman, Barry	6
Bailey, Teresa	5
Breidenbach, Jim	5
Kelley, Don	5
Smith, Yancy	5
Green, Tim	4
Barrow, Jim	3
Buente, Mike	3
Bonenberger, Ivan	2
Buente, Bryce	2
Moore, Miles	2
Mull, Bradley	2
Buente, Charline	1
Collins, Greg	1
Collins, Judy	1
Nichols, James	1
Strobel, Shelby	1

Autocross Points (as of June 20 & 1 of 7 events)	
Name	Points
Dornburg, Paul	1000
Beaman, Barry	998
Sonntag, Bob	988
Schonberger, Barry	986
Mull, Bradley	952
Cannon, James	947
Breidenbach, Jim	946
Green, Tim	944
Freeman, Mke	902
Christy, Allen	886
Jochum, Ron	880
Davis, Terry	876
Christy, Cathy	873
Bridges, Jane	866
Buente, Mike	851
Keating, Terry	826
Buente, Bryce	798
Grundhoefer Seeber, Julia	787
Young, Gene	780
Bonenberger, Ivan	500

Rally Points (as of June 20 & 3 of 7 events)	
Name	Points
Dornburg, Carolyn	12
Dornburg, Paul	12
Sonntag, Bob	12
Moore, Carrie	9
Moore, Chris	9
Cannon, Darlene	7
Cannon, James	7
Davis, Terry	7
Bridges, Jane	5
Freeman, Mke	5
Grundhoefer Seeber, Julia	5
Jochum, Ron	5
Keating, Terry	5
Young, Gene	5

Rookie Points (as of June 20)	
Name	Points
Bonenberger, Ivan	.024
Mull, Bradley	.024
Collins, Greg	.014
Collins, Judy	.014
Adams, Robert	.000
Bonenberger, April	.000
Brown, Sean	.000
Burdine, Justin	.000
Burris, Jonathan	.000
Cannon, Alain	.000
Chalker, Jamie	.000
Clark, Kim	.000
Colson, James	.000
Cunningham, Chris	.000
Daugherty, Eric	.000
Dixon, Brian	.000
Elder, Michael	.000
Graham, Ray	.000
Huppenthal, Jeff	.000
Jensen, Nora	.000
Jensen, William	.000
Knight, William	.000
Lukens, Lisa	.000
Marinoff, Seth	.000
Marks, Richard	.000
Marshall, Brad	.000
Prather, Josh	.000
Taylor, Jason	.000
Thompson, Dustin	.000
Tompton, Adam	.000
Voelkel, Bret	.000



Southern Illinois Event #1, 6/7/9

	Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time	Index	Autocross	
					Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			Time	Points
E Stock																				
1	20	ES	Barry Beaman	Red Miata	52.029	(1)	51.666	(1)	52.179	(1)	49.367		49.590		69.169	DNF	49.367	.823	83.150	958
G Stock																				
1	8	GS	Clint Albin	Gray GTI	54.253	(2)	56.189	(3)	58.798	(4)	59.710	(4)	52.293	(1)	59.653	(2)	52.293	.821	87.474	904
B Street Prepared																				
1	57	BSP	Jim Breidenbach	Blue 911	50.800		50.187		51.874	(1)	50.682		49.373		48.911		48.911	.859	85.125	933
D Prepared																				
1	21	DP	Steve Backer	Red Datsun	53.348		51.315		50.907		53.871	(1)	50.648		52.730	(1)	50.648	.865	87.845	899
E Prepared																				
1	187	EP	Yancy Smith	Silver Honda	48.951		48.367		48.244		52.520	(2)	48.279		52.591	(2)	48.244	.861	83.106	959
A Modified																				
1	30	AM	Andy Grayson	Black FSAE	45.180		44.468		220.355	DNF	44.360		43.970		47.661	(2)	43.970	1.000	88.438	892
B Modified																				
1	36	BM	Bob Sonntag	Blue LeGrand	42.364		42.675		42.808		42.936		42.915		42.172		42.172	.944	79.802	1000
D Modified																				
1	87	DM	Craig Straub	White Super 7	48.156		47.476		47.731		46.444		48.845	(1)	64.272	(1)	46.444	.900	84.528	941
2	61	DM	Robert Rehklau	Red Westfield	61.537		47.937		48.106		50.793	(1)	48.136		47.635		47.635	.900	86.015	922
3	25	DM	Chris Moore	Yellow Locost	53.990		53.184		52.018		53.561		54.121		55.916	DNF	52.018	.900	95.021	809
F Modified																				
1	114	FM	Maurie Light	Slvr/Blue FM	56.808		47.059		47.424		63.365	(2)	46.572		46.280		46.280	.903	84.285	944
2	141	FM	Greg Williams	Slvr/Blue FM	56.564	DNF	52.724		50.225		48.424		47.031		46.780		46.780	.903	87.596	902
FSAE																				
1	99	FSAE	John Esche	Org/Wht FSAE	45.496		62.233	(1)	45.478		44.636		43.287		43.299		43.287	.954	84.682	939
2	1199	FSAE	Clint Powell	Org/Wht FSAE	59.619		55.441	DNF	52.514		50.243		47.658		50.320	DNF	47.658	.954	95.564	802
3	199	FSAE	Seth Spencer	Org/Wht FSAE	54.170		58.938	DNF	52.876	DNF	51.705		52.499	DNF	49.246		49.246	.954	98.659	764
4	991	FSAE	Daniel Senechel	Org/Wht FSAE	68.945	DNF	65.764	DNF	56.256		60.996	(2)	62.429	DNF	55.381		55.381	.954	106.502	665

Street Tire Division

Indexed Time

1	5	ZAS	Geoff Walker	Black S2000	50.625		50.259		49.838		49.094		48.814		48.944		41.150	.843	83.164	1000
2	4	ZHS	Chris Albin	White GTI	55.547		54.123		53.950		53.806		53.419		53.657		42.842	.802	86.110	965
3	45	ZES	Jim Cannon	Red Miata	56.798	(1)	55.318		55.790	(1)	55.558		53.909		52.920		43.553	.823	89.080	929
4	19	ZES	William Knight	Red Miata	61.542	(2)	56.508		54.504		63.184	DNF	53.817		53.169		43.758	.823	88.615	934
5	93	ZSM	Brad Mull	Black Mustang	59.917	DNF	51.868		65.650	DNF	52.214		51.580		50.876		44.109	.867	89.079	929
6	301	ZCP	Paul Dornburg	Red/Wht M'tang	53.341		52.080		51.410		51.116		52.712	(1)	52.718	(1)	44.164	.864	88.582	935
7	69	ZBSP	Allen Christy	White Corvette	53.861		52.468		53.965	(1)	52.847		52.219		51.684		44.397	.859	89.467	924
8	25	ZSM	Joshua McDonough	Green Camaro	52.753		54.482		54.637	(1)	52.519		51.659		56.221	(2)	44.788	.867	90.525	911
9	169	ZBSP	Cathy Christy	White Corvette	53.337		54.038		53.069		52.651		54.516	(1)	53.118		45.227	.859	90.813	908
10	77	ZEP	Ken Suhre	Green Mini	58.377		56.671		57.931	(1)	55.173		53.895		52.749		45.417	.861	94.211	867
11	30	ZCP	Gene Young	Red/Wht M'tang	53.501		55.344	(1)	55.457	(2)	53.223	(1)	53.039	(1)	53.000	(1)	45.792	.864	92.017	894
12	44	ZES	Terry Keating	Black Miata	58.675		57.150		70.348	(2)	55.964		56.080		56.339		46.058	.823	93.093	881
13	130	ZCP	Julia Grundhoefer	Red/Wht M'tang	56.800		58.338	(2)	53.965		54.294	(1)	53.633		60.647	(2)	46.339	.864	92.965	882
14	144	ZES	Ron Jochum	Black Miata	57.901		56.623		61.990		56.495	DNF	58.715	(1)	56.537		46.530	.823	93.131	880
15	72	ZESP	Hugh Gilbert	Blue Plymouth	58.854		66.000	(1)	57.873		58.160	(1)	56.409		55.936		47.322	.846	96.282	842
16	52	ZBSP	Carrie Moore	Brown 911	63.531	(1)	58.177		56.706		59.504		56.982		55.873		47.995	.859	96.705	837
17	11	ZGS	Bill Albin	Green Passat	66.897		61.408		58.663		63.499	(2)	59.500		59.138		48.162	.821	96.715	837
18	1	ZGS	Andrea Albin	Green Passat	80.791	(1)	67.453		63.714		61.050		60.059		60.917	(1)	49.308	.821	101.618	778
19	17	ZGS	Amanda Kosyan	Green Passat	69.815		66.177		64.443		65.152	(1)	60.997		60.978		50.063	.821	102.971	762
20	2	ZEM	Dirk Elkins	Black Mits	62.758		57.442		57.452		57.110		56.694		66.463	(4)	50.684	.894	102.038	773
21	111	ZGS	Anne Albin	Green Passat	81.882		72.669		71.290		73.829		72.629		70.020		57.486	.821	116.016	605

Notes: The times reflect any 2 second penalty per pylon; the pylon count is shown in the penalty column.

In instances where there would have been no times for the second set of runs because of DNS runs, times were created by adding 2 seconds to the competitor's slowest run time.

Where possible DNF runs show the raw time.

